

# DATA SHEET

Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Illinois	
COUNTY: Cook	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
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1. NAME	
COMMON:	Rosehill Cemetery Administration Bldg. & Entry Gate.
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

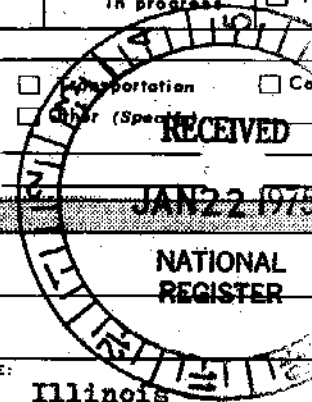
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 5800 N. Ravenswood Av.			
CITY OR TOWN: Chicago 9th Cong. Dist. - Sidney Yates			
STATE Illinois	CODE 17	COUNTY: Cook	CODE 031

3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Rosehill Cemetery Association			
STREET AND NUMBER: 5800 N. Ravenswood Av.			
CITY OR TOWN: Chicago	STATE: Illinois	CODE 17	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Cook County Recorders Office, County Bldg.			
STREET AND NUMBER: Clark & Washington Sts., Chicago, Ill.			
CITY OR TOWN: Chicago	STATE: Illinois	CODE 17	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Illinois Historic Structures Survey			
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Glessner House, Structures Survey Office 1800 S. Prairie Av. Chicago, Ill.			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Chicago	STATE: Illinois	CODE 17	



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

**DESCRIPTION:** The Rosehill Cemetery Administration building and entry gate is sited on the east edge of Rosehill Cemetery facing on to Ravenswood Av. in the 5800 block north. It is the main entry to the 350 acre cemetery located in the northwest Chicago community of Lakeview.

The arched entry gate is centrally located between two other sections of the building which house offices to the north, and shops and maintenance space to the south. The building is 200' long and averages 40' in width, constructed of Joliet limestone block, and is two stories in height, with a three-story bell tower on the south side of the entry gate. Its outstanding decorative features are the turrets, battlements, and gothic inspired lancet windows. Interior spaces have been totally remodelled but the exterior remains essentially unchanged from the original.

**HISTORY:** Rosehill Cemetery, the largest non-sectarian cemetery in the Chicago metropolitan area, was incorporated February 11, 1859 by a special charter from the Illinois Legislature. Among its incorporators were William B. Ogden, first mayor of Chicago, and Major John H. Kinzie, son of the first white settler in Chicago. In 1864 the City Council of Chicago passed an ordinance prohibiting further burials in the Chicago City Cemetery (now Lincoln Park) and called for removal of the remains of persons interred there. A large number of these graves were removed to Rosehill. By 1894 there were more than 25,000 burials at Rosehill and by 1959 the number exceeded 142,000.

Of the many notable Chicagoans who are buried at Rosehill, there are 13 of Chicago's former mayors, a former vice-president (Dawes), and several of the most famous names in the fields of commerce, industry and mercantilism.

The Administration building and gate were designed by William W. Boyington and constructed in 1864. The Castellated style was apparently a personal favorite of the architect who designed several structures in this manner prior to the Chicago fire of 1871, most notable being the Chicago Water Tower on Michigan Av., the city's most famous landmark. The Rosehill design predates the Water Tower by five years.

William W. Boyington, (1839-1898), Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, born in Springfield, Mass., studied in New York under a Professor Stone, came to Chicago while still a teenager and soon began the practice of architecture, completing a major work on the old University of Chicago campus in 1859 when he was only 20 years old. Many of Boyington's works were destroyed in the fire of 1871 but he continued to participate in the rebuilding of the city designing various types of structures including religious, public and commercial buildings.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1864**

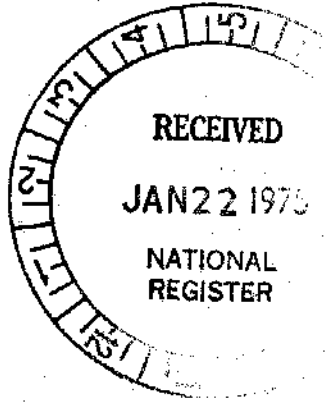
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

**SIGNIFICANCE**

As one of the few remaining buildings by Chicago's well-known early architect, William Boyington, the Rosehill Cemetery Gatehouse stands as an impressive reminder of Chicago's pre-fire architecture. Examples of castellated Gothic are rare in the Midwest, and this stone structure by Boyington in being an exceedingly elaborate and well-designed example of that style ranks high among those few that still exist. Its excellent state of preservation without serious alteration or addition aids interpretation and adds to its general significance.



**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Interviews with Cemetery Officials.  
 Numerous publications printed for the 100 year Anniversary by  
 the Cemetery Association, taken from original record material.  
Biographical Dictionary of American Architects Deceased, 1970, Withey.  
Andreas History of Chicago, Vol.2

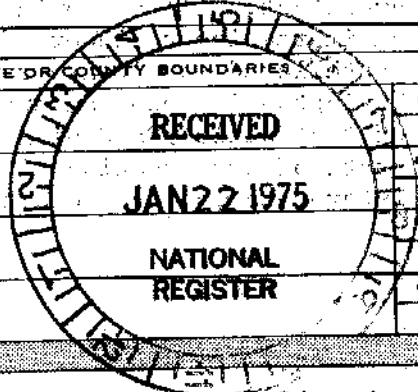
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		41° 59' 10"	87° 40' 30"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2 acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: **Thomas G. Yanul, & Paul Sprague, Field Surveyor & Director**

ORGANIZATION: **Illinois Historic Structures Survey** DATE: **Oct. 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER: **1800 S. Prairie Av.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Chicago** STATE: **Illinois** CODE: **17**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**      **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: *[Signature]*

Title: **State of Illinois-State Historic Preservation Officer**

Date: **January 9, 1975**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

*[Signature]*  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: **4/24/75**

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*  
 Keeper of the National Register

Date: **APR 23 1975**

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ILLINOIS

Date Entered      APR 24 1975

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Chicago & North Western Depot	Wilmette Cook County
↳ Roshill Cemetary Administration Building & Entry Gate	Chicago Cook County
Jacksonville State Hospital Main Building	Jacksonville Morgan County

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cc: Mr. Crecco